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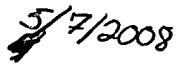
On page 12, please amend the second full paragraph spanning lines 12-19 as follows:

The piston end-position control device shown in Figs. 7 and 8 serves for controlling the end position of the piston 312 in its filling position shown in Fig. 7. The filling position ~~must always be~~ is strictly maintained since this is the only way to ensure that the piston wall opening and the cylinder wall opening of an inlet valve are exactly aligned with each other, and that the inlet valve defined by the two openings has a sufficiently large opening cross-section and a sufficiently long opening duration to allow complete recharge of the piston compressor compressed-gas accumulator.

On page 15, after the last paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

The invention has been described with reference to the preferred embodiments. Modifications and alterations may occur to others upon reading and understanding the preceding detailed description. It is intended that the invention be constructed as including all such modifications and alterations insofar as they come within the scope of the appended claims or the equivalents thereof.

~~On page 9, after the "claims" subheading, please insert the following paragraph as follows:~~

*insert the following claim verbiage*  

Having thus described the preferred embodiments, the invention is now claimed to be: